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In re Patent Application of:
Yoshio Okada et al.

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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- 5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

[An Examiner's Decision of Refusal, dispatched March 17, 2006, which issued during the prosecution of Japanese Application No. 2004-118341 which corresponds to the present application;

A Notification of Reasons for Rejection, dispatched July 20, 2005, which issued during the prosecution of Japanese Application No. 2004-118341 which corresponds to the present application; and

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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	BB	JP-11-302830-A	11-02-1999	TOKYO METROPOLIS	Abstract Attached	✓
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